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Mary Ann Oppas, Secretary

In the Application of Bernhard Dürr et al

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, DC 20231

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED 01/23/2003

Dear Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action, Applicants elect, without prejudice, Figures 1 – 6 and 8 for examination on the merits in the present application should no claim be found to be generic. Claims 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 13 are identified as readable thereon.

Applicants have attempted to be fully responsive to the outstanding Office Action. However, should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, the undersigned would greatly appreciate a telephone call in order to discuss any outstanding issues that would place the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully Submitted,

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